

IN THE CLAIMS:

Kindly rewrite Claims 1-20 and add Claims 21-26 as follows:

1. (Currently Amended) A method of installing spiral threaded inserts, each threaded insert having a driving tang with a securing thread, the method comprising:
inserting a first threaded insert into an installation tool;
securing the first threaded insert in the installation tool with the securing thread to prevent the insert from falling out; ~~and~~
screwing the first threaded insert into a tapped hole with the installation tool;
cutting off the driving tang from the first threaded insert after securing the first threaded insert; and
removing the cut-off driving tang from the installed first threaded insert with the securing thread.
2. (Cancelled)
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4. (Currently Amended) The method as claimed in Claim 3~~1~~, further comprising:
placing the first threaded insert in a predetermined installation position during the insertion into the installation tool.
5. (Previously Presented) The method as claimed in claim 4, further comprising:
firmly arranging a second threaded insert in the installation tool; and
orienting the first threaded insert to be installed, during insertion into the installation tool, at said second threaded insert relative to the predetermined installation position.
6. (Previously Presented) The method as claimed in claim 1, further comprising:
moving the first threaded insert through an inspection port; and
optically monitoring the first threaded insert.

7. (Currently Amended) An installation tool ~~useful for carrying out the method as claimed in claim 1~~ installing spiral threaded inserts, the tool comprising:

a shaft having a first end including

first means for anti-rotation retention and guidance of a threaded insert, and
second means for securing the first threaded insert in the first means.

8. (Previously Presented) The installation tool as claimed in claim 7, wherein the first means comprises a head having an elongated circular-cylindrical bolt, which bolt has, at a front end, a slotted section for pushing the first threaded insert over the bolt.

9. (Previously Presented) The installation tool as claimed in claim 8, further comprising:

a hollow-cylindrical mounting sleeve having an internal thread;

a second threaded insert; and

wherein, below the slotted section, the bolt is enclosed concentrically by the hollow-cylindrical mounting sleeve at a distance apart, the second threaded insert is firmly screwed into the hollow-cylindrical mounting sleeve internal thread so that the first threaded insert pushed over the slotted section abuts at an end face against the second threaded insert and is oriented at the second threaded insert.

10. (Previously Presented) The installation tool as claimed in claim 9, wherein the first and second threaded inserts are of the same type.

11. (Previously Presented) The installation tool as claimed in claim 7, wherein the second means comprises a securing thread which is longitudinally passed through the installation tool, is led out of the installation tool at a front end of the installation tool, and can be connected to the first threaded insert.

12. (Previously Presented) The installation tool as claimed in claim 11, wherein the first means comprises a head having an elongated circular-cylindrical bolt, which bolt has, at a front end, a slotted section for pushing the first threaded insert over the bolt, the bolt including a central through-hole, and the securing thread passes through the central through-hole.

13. (Previously Presented) The installation tool as claimed in claim 12, wherein the securing thread is made of a tear-resistant material and has a diameter of about 0.4 mm.

14. (Previously Presented) The installation tool as claimed in claim 7, wherein the shaft comprises a plurality of tubular sections arranged one behind the other and releasably connected to one another.

15. (Previously Presented) The installation tool as claimed in claim 14, further comprising:

a slot-shaped opening extending in the longitudinal direction in a foremost section of the shaft, through which slot-shaped opening a borescope when running inside the shaft can be passed outward; and

a supporting tube, for supporting the borescope when projecting from the shaft, arranged on the outside of the foremost section in front of the opening.

16. (Previously Presented) The installation tool as claimed in claim 9, wherein the mounting sleeve is configured and arranged to be rotatable about the bolt and to be fixed in any desired rotary angle position.

17. (Previously Presented) The installation tool as claimed in claim 7, further comprising:

a driving tang arranged on the first threaded insert, configured and arranged to be cut off; and

third means for securing the driving tang.

18. (Previously Presented) The installation tool as claimed in claim 17, wherein the second means comprises the third means.

19. (Previously Presented) The method as claimed in claim 6, wherein monitoring comprises monitoring with a borescope.

20. (Previously Presented) The installation tool as claimed in claim 16, further comprising:

fixing means for rotationally fixing the mounting sleeve to the bolt.

21. (New) A method of installing spiral threaded inserts, the method comprising:
inserting a first threaded insert into an installation tool;
securing the first threaded insert with separate securing means in the installation tool to prevent the insert from falling out; and
screwing the first threaded insert into a tapped hole with the installation tool.

22. (New) The method as claimed in claim 21, wherein the threaded insert has a driving tang, wherein securing comprises securing the first threaded insert in the installation tool with the securing means on the driving tang to prevent the first threaded insert from falling out, and further comprising:

cutting off the driving tang from the first threaded insert after securing the first threaded insert.

23. (New) The method as claimed in claim 22, wherein the securing means comprises a securing thread, wherein securing comprises securing the first threaded insert in the installation tool with the securing thread, and further comprising:

removing the cut-off driving tang from the installed first threaded insert with the securing thread.

24. (New) The method as claimed in Claim 23, further comprising:
placing the first threaded insert in a predetermined installation position during the insertion into the installation tool.
25. (New) The method as claimed in claim 24, further comprising:
firmly arranging a second threaded insert in the installation tool; and
orienting the first threaded insert to be installed, during insertion into the installation tool, at said second threaded insert relative to the predetermined installation position.
26. (New) The method as claimed in claim 21, further comprising:
moving the first threaded insert through an inspection port; and
optically monitoring the first threaded insert.